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SUBJECT: ABC COMMISSION MAY MEET IN BERLIN

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1. AT DEP POLADS MEETING, NOV. 3, ALL THREE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT WHILE MEETING OF ABC COMMISSION MIGHT BE CONSTRUED TO BE LEGAL WITHIN QA FRAMEWORK, IT CONTAINED A MUCH HIGHER THAN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF POLITICAL PROVOCATION. NOR COULD DEPUTY POLADS SEE ANY GOOD REASON WHY COMMISSION SHOULD DECIDE TO MEET IN BERLIN AT THIS LATE DATE IN ITS HISTORY.

2. THE SUBJECT OF THE MEETING IS CLEARLY WITHIN THE RESERVED AREA OF ALLIED RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES. PROTECTION OF THE CIVIL POPULATION AGAIST ATOMIC, BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL ATTACKS IS AN ALLIED CONCERN, NOT THAT OF FRG. IN LATE 1960S WE REFUSED TO ALLOW ADOPTION IN BERLIN OF FRG EMERGENCY LAWS WHICH DEALT CONFIDENTIAL

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IN PART WITH CIVIL DEFENSE PROBLEMS BECAUSE WE CON-

SIDERED THIS A RESERVED AREA. IF, IN CONTRAST TO THIS QUASI-LEGAL ARGUMENT, GERMANS WERE TO SAY THAT POINT OF HAVING THIS COMMISSION ATTACHED TO MINISTRY OF INTERIOR MEET IN BERLIN WAS TO DRAW ON KNOWLEDGE OF BERLIN SCIENTISTS AND INSTITUTES, WE WOULD REPLY THAT THOSE EXPERTS COULD EASILY PROVIDE THEIR EXPERTISE TO COMMISSION SOMEWHERE IN FRG.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT US BONN GROUP REP RAISE WITH FRENCH AND BRITISH COLLEAGUES. IF THEY ARE AS NEGATIVE AS THEIR MISSIONS HERE, WE WOULD THEN PREPARE NEGATIVE REPLY TO SENAT VERMERK DESIGNED TO TURN OFF IDEA OF BERLIN AS VENUE FOR 1978 MEETING AS SOON AS

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